

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE
WELCOME
PRAYER REQUESTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: People of God, why are you here?
PEOPLE: **We are here to worship the Lord!**
LEADER: People of God, why do we worship?
PEOPLE: **We worship our God, who has done great things!**
LEADER: People of God, what has God done?
PEOPLE: **God has created us, God has provided for us, and God has loved us!**
LEADER: So let us the worship the one who loves us!
PEOPLE: **Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!**

*** OPENING HYMN**

#476 Presbyterian Hymnal

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, hear now the confessions of your people. We are a sinful people, given to gossip and bickering. We often fail to carry out the actions you would have us do in the world, and all too often do the things that we should not. We strive to be adult and serious, and forget the joy that you would have us embody. Forgive us, LORD, and hear us as we confess silently before you.

(Moment of Silent Confession.)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seats)*

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners with the peace of Christ.

"The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you". **And also, with you.**

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN- Fun is Important!

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON - The Unexpected Miracle

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting, Amen

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS

The Salvation of Jesus Christ is not a thing that can be earned, and Jesus did not die on the cross for our money. We cannot purchase a thing that has been freely given, and any power of purchase we had would not be enough. We do not give in order to earn God's love, but rather, in thankfulness for all we have been given, we ALSO give, as an act of worshipful mimicking of all that God has given us. Come, let us worship the LORD with our Giving.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, take now our gifts and bless them, making them holy, multiplying them so that when they go out into the world they can do great things, to serve those in need, to spread your word, and to share your light with a world lost in darkness. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts/Debtors*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

#507 Presbyterian Hymnal (verses 1, 3, 5)

I Come With Joy

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING**

#432 Presbyterian Hymnal

Song of Hope

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

***THE POSTLUDE**